# COMMISSION PLAN

## RADFORD WANTS TO CUT SALARIES

Startles House With Proposition to Reduce Everybody's Pay, Including Members-vote on Pronibition bill Tuesday Chesterneid People Get hearing 10-morrow.

ong strice in the General Assembly, Sterday. The Schate passed the Gra tt joint resolution user, approving the proposed amenoment to the Con-stitution, and the riouse Committee in Councies, Cities and Towns, inter it the day, reported the matter lavorably by a unstandors tote. It was not done without opposition

was best to take something that could be secured how, without antisgonizing organic and statute law, and to take further proceedings, if desirable, later B. A. Banks, of Norfolk, is the patron of the amendment in the House and conducted its safe journey through

the terms of an agreement en into early yesterany mornia, in the advocates and the oppo

cw. days, is. st. Ru. cmd. The prohibition side will have its hearing and its lote, while the opposition is satisfied that without such agreement the bill would have been reached in its regular order on about the same day as an at fixed upon, so it feels that nothing in particular has been lost.

Pass Rolling Stock Bill.

The rolling stock tax bill is a special order in the Senate to-day. There seems little doubt that the body will pass the committee substitute for the Holt bill. The committee had before it yesterday afternoon the Williams bill as it came from the House, where the measure was passed without a word of discussion as to the justice or fairness of the proposed division of the spoils taken from the cities. It was numended so as to make it conform to the substitute already on the Senate calendar, which provides that the cities are to retain 49 per cent, of the taxes from this source and the counties are to get 60 per cent.

Should the Senate agree to the com-

on Finance are directed to reduce every salary, which is in excess of \$2-000, save those few winese compensation is fixed by the Constitution by 20 per cent., and those between \$1.000 and \$2.000, by 10 per cent in addition, the salaries of members of the General

Assembly are reduced 5 per cent.

This proposition caused a real flurry among numbers of the flouse, whose compensation would thus be cut \$25, then they need the money. On the compensation would thus be cut \$25, when they need the money. On the other annel, if they vote to trim the salaries of State officers, it is pointed out that they would be inconsistent anless they trimmed their own. The recolution went to the Finance Committee.

Another proposition of Mr. Rad-Another proposition of Mr. Radfords, also in the interest of economy
and retrenchment, would reduce the
number of school divisions, aside from
those cities which constitute a
separate division, to twenty-live, so
as to save a lot more salaries of divisbon school superintendents.

Will Coust the Cost.

Appalled by the magnitude of the
expense which might be involved in
the Baker resolution for an investiration of the Department of Public

the Baker resolution for an investi-gation of the Department of Public Instruction by a joint committee, the Benate Committee on Public Institu-tions and Education, at a meeting hein yesterday afternoon, decided to have a hearing to-morrow night at 8 o'clock, on the subject. At that time the citizens of Chesterfield who want the investigation will be asked to submit the documentary evidence which they said they had.

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The protestants did not want a hearing yesterday. They said they desired a joint committee, for they might have to summon witnesses from all over the State, and to require the production of books and papers. Realizing that this could easily cost many thousands of dollars, the committee thousands of dollars, the committee will first determine if the accusations have sufficient in Tit to warrant such action, before reporting the resolution (Continued on third page.)

BEST SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA. ducted without change. Berth 19. Sunset Route, 207 E. Main St

MEETS APPROVAL

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After spending less than a week in New York, complaining of annoyances from newspaper reporters, the invalid ex-convict outwitted newspaper men for several hours to-night. He and his wife, son and physician drove away from the Morse apartments in a tasticab during the evening teking four

#### TREATY WITH RUSSIA

### MARTIN SILENT

Boom for the Presidency.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Washington, D. C., February 13.—Tolay's Times-Dispatch, with a story revarding the probability of Senator

Thomas S. Martin receiving the presilential nomination at the Baltimore
convention, has been closely read here,
but unfortunately the one man who
could talk most interestingly on the
subject from this end of the line. Septator Martin, is the very man who is
in a position where he can say nothng.

the business clubs of that place. Mr. Carlin is very close to the Virginia Senator, and nothing would delight him more than to see the latter placed in nomination at Baltimore by the Democrats. But those who have heard of the boom, and especially those who read to-day's story, ask where the meney would come from to run the campaign. It is easily recognized that such a proposition is serious, and might become embarrassing should the question be put to those directly in charge of the boom. Mr. Carlin probably knows where he can get the ready cash, should it be necessary to use it, but if Senator Martin makes any progress in the matter, according to what is said here to-day, he will have to hustle.

Speaker Champ Clark is just now experiencing a tremendous boom, the friends of Underwood and Wilson claim that they were never stronger, and Governor Harmon's workers are most active.

MPROVE MAIL SERVICE

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Plan to Give Mail Carriers to Small Cities and Towns.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, February 13.—If a bill which Represent, ve Alken, of South Carolina, has just introduced shall become a law, many small towns throughout the United States which do not now enjoy the privileges of city delivery service would be so benefited. The bill provides that after June 30, at 1912, city delivery service may be established a not post-office that proposed a gross revenue of not less than \$1,000 during the four quariers on which the salary of the postmester is based, and letter carriers may be employed for balt purpose; and that all towns whose post-office receipts are less an \$5,000, and are thus not entitled to free city delivery, shall be included under the rural free delivery by carrier shall be made except at rest. The contrained of the present of the committee, which recently received words and offices whire approved mail receptacles are placed at the door or entrance.

Seven Killed in Wreck.

Devils Lake, N. D., February 13.—Seven are known to be dead and a word of the ten coaches that word in the wreck of the Great Northern Limited at Doyan. Every one of the ten coaches that went down a steep embankment, turnmade up the train left the track and went down a steep embankment, turning over twice. Pull defails will not be known until morning.

Improve Mail To RETIRE

Rumor That Prime Minister Is to Accept a person of Commons here of the House of Commons here of the House of Commons to delivery starled the House of Commons and the clevery by one of the lead to free the found of the Premier In a support to the caused if the Good of the Commons and the cleve of the commons of the House of Commons who was formerly prominent in Canadian politics and is now one of the leaders of the extense of the House of Commons was no doubt that the majority of the elevation of Sir Edward Grey to the premiership.

Mr. Martin was of the opinion that a majority of the Liberal members favor Lloyd-George.

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King Bestows Greatest Honor on Foreign Affairs Secretary.

#### MAY BE MADE PRIME MINISTER

English Public Takes It to Mean State Department Telegraphs Says United States Government That Sovereign Is Immensely Pleased With the Diplomacy of Sir Edward in German Trouble-Asquith May Be Peer.

London, February 13 .- The almost Washington, February 13 .- Toolish the Garter, in which only members and which many reigning sovereigns vainly covet, has created immense speculation throughout the

It is nearly 200 years since the Garter was conferred upon a com-

### ASQUITH TO RETIRE

"Foolish Stories" Have Prefers to Be an Angel Aroused Feeling Against U.S.

### GOVERNMENT SENDS GREETING

Ambassador and Every Consul | Will Have to Tame Human Nain Neighboring Republic to Set at Rest Reports of This Country's Hostility.

London, February 13.—The glmost Unashington, February 13.—Toolish Imparalleled honor which King George stories" about American intervention, is bestowed on Sir Edward Grey, the circulated in Mexico through errone. First Secretary o. State for ous press dispatches, have aroused no wings, before he would go in the steel wings. has bestowed on Sir Edward Grey, the circulated in Mexico through errone-

Garter was conferred upon a commoner under similar circumstances only four other commoners have been privileged to wear the blue ribton during the history of the Order of the Knights of the Garter.

The exact meaning of this signal mark of royal favor is known only to the innerment circles, while it unquestionably sets the seal of the winder internal political states and the British Cabinets unqualified approval upon Sir Edward Grey's conduct of foreign affairs during the recent momentous years.

Politicians of all shades of opinion of the present of the Liberal party, while for the possesses from the Mandpoint of the Derde has been rumored for some time. David Lloyd-George has Egured so conspicuously before the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and sir Edward Grey are supposed to be rivals for the possession of the Prime Minister's mantle. Mr. Lloyd-George has Egured so conspicuously before the public as the author of a comprehensive program of social reforms that he has beeff considered as the most promising candidate for the position this poposite extreme.

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eminence that he could not be expected to serve in the Cabinet under Mr. Lluyd-George.

One question which awaits an answer is whether the conferment of the Gart on Sir Edward Grey has any relation to Viscount Haldane's recent mission to Berlin.

Another interesting question is whether it is designed as a proclamation to other nations of King George's indersement of Sir Edward Grey or Chibalina and Monterey. Notwithmore as a rebuke to his home critics, Every one agrees that it is a tribute to Sir Edward Grey's rare personal character as much as to his diplomatic ability, and that he is fully worthy of the historic distinction, which implies

# ROB AMERICANS

Torreon, Mex., February 13.-Rebels in the Laguns district, estimated at 1,000, to-day formally proclaimed Emilio Vasquez Gomez, President of the republic, and Rafeal Garza Aldape, Emilio Vasquez Gomez. President of the republic, and Rafeal Garza Aldape, Vice-President, and demanded the survender of this city. Their demand is not taken seriously by the local authorities, who place confidence in the loyalty of the garrison, believed to be strong enough to resist attack. Since the rebeis have effected an organization tooting and indiscriminate raiding are not reported so fre-(Continued on Second Page.)

#### Texas Judge Passes Sentence With Fists

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Midland, Texas, February 13.—
Recalling the day of Roy Bean, the famous justice of the peace, who a number of years ago was known as "all the law west of the Peecs," Judge J. H. Knowles, of the Commissioner Court bere, to-day inid aside bis official dignity long enough to engage Ia a fistle battle.

During the session Judge Knowles, presiding, made an assertion regarding a previous ruling of the court. Inasmuch as the Commissioner's Court is a county tribunal of considerable importance in the county, comments on its rulings are not to be lightly made, even by the presiding algustice. So thought Commissioner Judge Driver, who was present.

No sooner had the offending remark been made than he arose and exclaimed "You are a Har," judge."

The court did not hestiate.

"This court will stana adjourned," announced Judge Knowles, "until I whip the wan who just now called me a Har."

Then it happened. Those who witnessed the fight any the judge scored the greatest number of puvilistic points. A few minutes later the judge reconvened court, fined himself for fighting, and paid the fine.

The court then went back to work, and its dignity was not further ruffled.

to Making Steel.

#### HAS STOPPED HARD WORK

ture and Eliminate All Selfish Motives Before Business Competition Is Ended.

business, and predicted that competition would be the rule long after th

Mexico replete with the engrams and sage ex-erating pressions for which he is noted. He incerest said the stockholders of the Great Northern Ballrand were not wearing pressions for which he is noted. He said this stockholders of the Great Northern Railroad were "not wearing any crepe" because the United States Steel Corporation, "in its fright," had canceled the Great Northern Ore lease. "You will be in a comfortable position no matter whether the lease is canceled or not, won't you?" suggisted Chairman Stanley.

"You could start a stiel company of your own with 400,000,000 tons of ore, and the ground?"

"I will be a first-class angel, with red and white feathers in my wings, long before I ever consider going into the steel business," replied Mr. Hill. "Hilbe seventy-four years old my next birthday, and I don't mind telling you that I've done about all the hard work I intend to do in life."

Just before the railroad builder was excused, Representative Beall, of Texas, called his attention to the declarations of E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of the Sicel Corporation, and other busness men to the effect that the day of

Human Nature.

"I think that you will have to tame human nature and eliminate all selfan motives that rule human beings and every other form of life before you will eliminate competition," remarked

\$17 a ton.

Mr. Hill aroused some interest who \$75,000 for the fee to the Wright and Davis lands, which he afterward bought as the major portion of the land leased to the Steel Corporation, and containing from one estimated at 400,000,000 tons.

Candidate for Office Asks That the Emoluments He Cut Down.
Greensboro, Ala., February 12.—
Abolish the office, or, if this be not feasible, materially reduce the salary—
this is the platform on which V. M.
Haynes, a wealthy citizen of Hale county, is making the race for county reasurer. Mr. Haynes appeared today before the commissioners of the county and contended that the court had the right to reduce the salary in an extended that the reduction be made at once, and asserted that he was mentally and innancially able to hold the office. The court disasreed with Haynes.

## OPPOSED TO FREE LIST

Some Richmond Manufacturers Don't Want Machine Tools to Come In Free. Want Machine Tools to Come in Free. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, D. C. Felguary 12.—
Congressman Lamb to-day saw several prominent Richmond husiness men who came to Washington to talk with him regarding the tariff on certain lines of goods which they manufacture. They object to machine tools going on the free list, Captain Lamb, while giving them close attention, is just now more deeply interested in the agricultural appropriation bill than anything else, and took them to see Chairman Underwood, of the Ways and Means Committee.

President Entertains Clorks.
Washington, February 13.—President and Mrs. Taft gave the last state dimer of the winter season to-night in honor of the Speaker of the House of Tepresentatives and Mrs. Clark, Among the guests were former Speaker Cannon, former Vice-President Levi P. Morton and Mrs. Morton. Robert T. Lincoln, son of President Lincoln, and Mrs. Robert T. Lincoln.

#### CHINESE INDIFFERENT

People Don't seem to Care Whether Country Is Empire or Republic.

Peking, February 11, 12:45-A. M.—
The indifference of the Chinese masses to the form of government is v.ry evident in the capital. They accept the news of the republic without any demonstration either favorable or unfavorable. There is not the slight-st difference apparent on the streets. The police did not instruct the people to hang out flags in celebration of the new regime, and therefore no bunting was displayed.

Owing to preparations for the Chinese New Year on February 18, the people have no time to take the abdication of the throne into consideration except in regard to the prospect of the soldlers marring the festivities of the only holiday in the year. More than 30,000 troops are in Peking or stationed around the city walls. Their discipline has always been lax, and it is now leaf airingent than ever, and this fact makes looting possible. Nevertheless, Yuan Shi Kai is expected to succeed in averting this.

Chinese officeholders are confident that Yuan Shi Kai controls thy political situation, and believe that the south, however, has not yet slightled its acceptance of the proposed coal-tion.

Yuan Shi Kai officially informed the

Yuan Shi Kai officially informed th foreign legations here to-day that the throne had instructed him to form a republican government, which will for the time being continue to be carried on with his former Cable.

Washington, February 13.—The Ching Hwa republic is the official nama of the new Chinese government. Ching Hwa

Cut Off Money Supplies.

# CAUSE OF STRIKE

Boston, February 13.—The funda-mental cause of the textile strike at Lawrence is the high cost of living, in the opinion of Governor Eugens N. Foss. In a letter to Representative

d 30,000 operatives. Back of whatever I local causes there may be for this strike, the fundamental cause is the high cost of living, from which the working people of all sections of the country surfer, due in large part to the present excessive tariff, "The present strike in Massachusts will be settled within the State, be remedled by the fullying can only but the high cost of living can only concress and until Congress acts the working people in the State, be remedled by the compt action of working people in this State and throughout the country can hope for mo permanent relief. "This could office, and avert the rand spread of these industrial disturbances."

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Washington. February 12.—Correspondence intended to prove that the
Panama revolution had been planued in
New York and Washington was prodifferent to-day before the House Comdifferent to-day before the House of the
Panama Canal Zone by the United
States.

Mr. Hall put in evidence letters and
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# BRANDT GIVEN CHANCE TO PROVE HIS INNOCENCE

Judge Who Sentenced Him Grants New Trial.

### ALTON B. PARKER ACTS FOR SCHIFF

Declares That Former Valet Wrote Insulting Letter to Banker's Wife, Was Discharged and Later Found in House Lying in Wait in an Attempt to Kill Schiff-Denies "Infamous Suggestion" as Cause of Brandt's Visit to One "Dearer Than Life Itself."

New York, February 13 .- After s.rv-

cial telegram from Peking to the following general eff set:

"While a provisional government is veing established all ministers accredited to foreign government shall act provisionally as diplomatic representatives and continue to perform their duties as heretofore. All members of the legation staff and consular officers (in America) shall temporarily retain their present posts."

It is not known here that the appointment of Alfred Sze to be minister to Washington, which was made in the last days of the tottering dynasty, will also day the belief is that he will stand, and the belief is that he will stand and the belief is that he will stand and the belief is the counter to serve thirty years in prison.

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had not had jurisdiction in scatteneins trandt on his plea, unsupported oy evidence.

Parker is Counsel.

A feature of to-day's developments was the appearance of Judge Alton B. Parker in behalf of Mortiner L. Schiff, who, he declared, is anxious to have the case sifted to the bottom in order hat "false and infamous scandals" might be proved untrue.

To complicate the unusual court proceedings, Governor Dix, who previously refused to interfere in Brandt's behalf, late to-day appointed Justice Gerard as a commissioner to hear Brandt's application for elemency, which was regarded as a move to take the case out of Judge Rosalsky's hands.

In granting the new trial Judgo-Rosalsky made an impassioned statement of his side of the case, declaring that its record on the bench would bear the closest scrutiny.

After granting the motion for a new trial, he said he desired some other judge to try the case.

Schiff's Statement.

The attitude of Mr. Schiff as presented by Judge Parker, in part, was:

"There has never been a time since this man's conviction that Mr. Schiff would not have aided an application for clemency based upon grounds of contrition and reformation. Instead of that, according to the reports, Brandt attempted to gain the sympathy of the Governor and other officials by posing as a marryr under the infamous suggestion that Brandt's presence in my client's house was to keep an appointment with one dearer than life itself."

Judge Parker read a long letter from Mr. Schiff, in which he said:

"The facts are simple. Brandt wrote an inswitting letter to my wife and was

tenpin. Near at hand he had a carving

knife.
"Thinking I had an armed maniac to deal with, I argued with him, gave him money and god rid of him as best I could, and asked him to come to my I could, and asked him to come to my office. When he came I had him examined by eminent allenists, as I believed he was of unsound mind. The allenists declared him sane, and I caused his arrest."

District Attorney Whitman to-night said that he would lay the whole Brandt matter before the grand jury to constant.